

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/15/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8-12, 14, 17-25, 28-39, renumbered as 1-27, respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10/2/00
are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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9. ☐ Other _____


JEAN B. CORRIELUS
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Cameron on 10/18/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

Michael Cameron on 10/11/05.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 9, 11, and 12 have been rewritten as follow:

9. (Amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein said step of processing said signal and a generated code using said at least one first location to produce at least one second location further comprises the step of correlating said plurality of shifted variables with said non-shifted one of said signal and said generated code [variable] to produce a plurality of correlation values.

11.(Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein said shifted variables comprise said [received] signal and said non-shifted one of said signal and said generated code [variables] comprises said generated code.

12.(Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein said shifted variables comprise[s] said generated code and said non-shifted one of said signal and said generated code [variable] comprises said [received] signal.

Claim 14, line 13, "one correlator" has been replaced by --two correlators-- in each occurrence; line 13, --each of-- has been inserted before "said"; line 13, --at least two--has been inserted before shifted; line 13, "version" has been replaced by --versions--.

Claim 20, line 3, "comprises a plurality of matched filters, said" has been deleted; line 4 "plurality of matched filters" has been deleted; line 4, "include" has been replaced by --includes--.

Claim 21, line 1, "said at" has been deleted; line 2, "least one correlator comprises a plurality of correlators" has been deleted; line 2, "plurality" has been replaced by -- at least two--.

Claim 22, line 3, "said at least one correlator comprises a plurality of correlators" has been deleted; line 4, "plurality" has been replaced by -- at least two--; line 6, "or a related value" has been deleted.

Claim 25, line 3, before output, "at least one" has been replaced by --an--; line 3, after from, --each of-- has been inserted before "said"; line 3, "one correlator" has been replaced by --two correlators--.

Claim 29, line 9, "a" has been deleted; line 16, "one correlator" has been replaced by --two correlators-- in each occurrence; line 16, --each of-- has been

inserted before "said"; line 16, after performing, "at least" has been deleted; line 19, "or" has been replaced by --and--; line 20, after shifted, "version" has been replaced by --versions--.

Claim 30, line 6, --a-- has been inserted before code; line 13, "one correlator" has been replaced by --two correlators-- in each occurrence; line 13, --each of-- has been inserted before "said".

Claim 34, line 3, "comprises a plurality of matched filters, said" has been deleted; line 4 "plurality of matched filters" has been deleted; line 4, "include" has been replaced by --includes--.

Claim 35, line 2, "said at least one correlator comprises a plurality of correlators" has been deleted; line 3, "plurality" has been replaced by -- at least two--.


Claim 36, line 3, "said at least one correlator comprises a plurality of correlators" has been deleted; line 4, "plurality" has been replaced by -- at least two--.

Claim 39, line 3, before output, "at least one" has been replaced by --an--; line 3, after from, --each of-- has been inserted before "said"; line 3, "one correlator" has been replaced by --two correlators--; line 3, "the outputs of said" has been deleted; line 4, "correlators" has been deleted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean B. Corrielus whose telephone number is 571-272-3020. The examiner can normally be reached on Maxi-Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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